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1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF SC DEBATE PRECEDING ADOPTION OF MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY US AND USSR.

2. FOLLOWING LEAD-OFF STATEMENT BY AMB. SCALI (SEPTTEL) USSR BRIEFLY RECAPITULATED PRINCIPLE ELEMENTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. ARAB-ISRAELI WAR HAD SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED INTERNATIONAL PEACE, AND COMPELLED COUNCIL TO TAKE MOST IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT CEASEFIRE. USSR HAD THEREFORE JOINED WITH US IN INTRODUCING RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO HALT HOSTILITIES AND GIVE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION TO SC RESOLUTION 242. SOVIET PERM REP MALIK CONCLUDED THAT RECENT DANGEROUS EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST RAN COUNTER TO EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS, AND MUST BE BROUGHT TO AN END BY COUNCIL'S PROMPT ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. UK RESTATED TWO PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SC IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, AS SET FORTH IN ITS EARLIER ADDRESS TO COUNCIL. FIRST WAS IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE, AND SECOND WAS USE OF CURRENT HOSTILITIES AS CATALYST TOWARD PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. UK SUPPORTED DRAFT RES AS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE BOTH OF THESE OBJECTIVES; HOWEVER, IT RECOGNIZED PEACE WOULD NOT BE ACHIEVED TOMORROW AND PERIOD OF HARD NEGOTIATIONS LAY AHEAD. UK WISHED TO MAKE TWO POINTS IN PARTICULAR REGARDING RESOLUTION:

(A) RE RESOLUTION'S REFERENCE TO "APPROPRIATE AUSPICES", UK CONSIDERED RESOLUTION'S OBJECTIVES COULD BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH UN. (B) AS SOON AS CEASEFIRE TOOK EFFECT, UK HOPED US AND USSR WOULD CEASE ALL ARMS SUPPLY TO MIDDLE EAST--JUST AS UK HAD ITSELF DONE DURING THE CONFLICT.

4. FRANCE CONSIDERED JOINT US-USSR TEXT MET PRIME NEED OF BRINGING IMMEDIATE END TO HOSTILITIES. IT SATISFIED FRANCE'S PREOCCUPATION, AS EXPRESSED OCT 9 BY PRIME MINISTER, OF LINKING CEASEFIRE WITH IMMEDIATE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC RES 242. IN SUBMITTING UNCLASSIFIED

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RES, US AND USSR HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTING TO BEST OF THEIR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF RES 242. IN FRANCE'S VIEW "UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES" COULD MEAN NOTHING OTHER THAN "UNDER THE SC." FRENCH GOVT BELIEVED RES COULD ONLY HAVE MEANING IF POWERS WHO SUBMITTED IT STOPPED THEIR SUPPLY OF MASSIVE ARMS TO THE BELLIGERENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. ISRAEL GAVE TWO STATEMENTS, FIRST OF WHICH FOLLOWED ADDRESS BY SAUDI ARABIA'S AMB BAROODY, AND SECOND OF WHICH WAS CONSIDERED STATEMENT OF ISRAEL'S POSITION ON DRAFT RES. IN FIRST INTERVENTION AMB TEKOAHA CLAIMED ARAB AGGRESSION HAD BROUGHT ITS AGGRESSORS "NOTHING BUT ANOTHER DEBACLE." RESULT OF RECENT HOSTILITIES HAD BEEN DISGRACE FOR LEADERS WHO HAD LED THEIR COUNTRIES INTO MORE DEVASTATION AND SORROW. FOR ISRAEL EFFECT OF HOSTILITIES HAS BEEN TO CONFIRM REALITY OF ITS APPREHENSIONS RE ARAB AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. IN SECOND, PREPARED STATEMENT, TEKOAHA STATED NUMBER OF ISRAELI CONDITIONS RE DRAFT RES. (FULL TEXT OF TEKOAHA STATEMENT BEING SENT DEPARTMENT AND ME ADDRESSEES.) FIRST, ISRAEL'S COMPLIANCE WITH PROPOSED CEASEFIRE WAS CONDITIONAL ON ITS ACCEPTANCE AND OBSERVANCE BY ALL STATES TAKING PART IN FIGHTING. EVERY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING CEASEFIRE MUST MOREOVER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING THAT IT APPLY TO "NOT ONLY ITS OWN TROOPS BUT ALSO TO TROOPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OPERATING ON ITS SOIL AS WELL AS TO IRREGULARS OF ANY KIND." SPECIFICALLY, TEKOAHA ADDED, ISRAEL HAD IN MIND THE TERRORISTS FIRING ON VILLAGES IN NORTHERN ISRAEL FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY OR INFILTRATING ACROSS THE BORDER. ISRAEL ALSO ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PROVISION OF DRAFT RES DECIDING THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES START "IMMEDIATELY AND CONCURRENTLY WITH CEASEFIRE." FINALLY, TEKOAHA STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF RELEASE OF ALL POW'S.

6. CHINA, IN EXPLANATION OF ITS DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE, SAID DRAFT RES FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF ME SITUATION AS SEEN BY CHINA. RES SHOULD HAVE CONDEMNED ISRAEL IN STRONGEST TERMS, GIVEN EXPLICIT SUPPORT TO ARABS, DEMANDED IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND CALLED FOR RESTORATION OF

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RIGHTS OF PALESTINE PEOPLE. MOREOVER, ACTION OF TWO SUPER-POWERS IN CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ADOPTION OF RES WITHOUT ALLOWING SC MEMBERS TIME EITHER FOR CONSULTATION OR OBTAINING INSTRUCTIONS, WAS WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE.

7. EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZAYYAT FOR MOST PART CONFINED HIMSELF TO GENERAL REMARKS. HE SAID EGYPT'S TARGETS WERE, AND CONTINUED TO BE, INTEGRITY OF ITS TERRITORY, LIBERATION OF ITS LAND AND REINSTITUTION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. HE CHARACTERIZED ISRAELI CONDITIONS AS "ABSURD" AND SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THEM NULL AND VOID UNLESS HE HEARD TWO COSPONSORS CONFIRM THEM.

8. STATEMENTS OF OTHER SC MEMBERS WILL BE SUMMARIZED IN USUN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY FOR OCT 22.

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